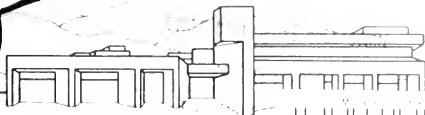


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LSCA Grants Awarded

The Montana State Library Commission has awarded \$142,740 in Library Services and Construction Act Title II funds to help support projects at the following public libraries:

- Wedsworth Memorial Library, Cascade, \$27,000: The money will be used to help remodel the library, adding a new furnace, new front windows and better handicapped accessibility.
- Marion Branch Library, \$52,740: A new 4,552-square-foot addition will be constructed at the existing school, expanding services and providing handicapped accessibility.
- Meagher County-City Library, White Sulphur Springs, \$58,000: An existing building will be acquired and remodeled to house the library, which now shares city offices.
- Daniels County Library, Scobey, \$5,000: The library will double in size by removing a wall, increasing floor space and adding shelving.

New Library District Created In Stevensville

The Stevensville Public Library is no more. In its place is the new North Valley Public Library, created by local voters in the June 5 election.

Board member Norma Bangs said the vote combined the Stevensville and Lone Rock School Districts, tripling the district's size.



The three new Montana State Library Commission members are, from left to right, Michael Schulz, Anne Hauptman and Lloyd Wallin.

Three New Members Join State Library Commission

Lloyd Wallin of Deer Lodge, Anne Hauptman of Billings and Michael Schulz of Dillon were recently named to the State Library Commission.

Wallin, a businessman and chair of the Kohrs Memorial Library board

in Deer Lodge, and Hauptman, a former Eastern Montana College teacher, were appointed by Gov. Stan Stephens. They replace Dr. Henry McClerman of Butte and Marie Thompson of Billings, respectively, whose terms expired this year.

Schulz, library director at Western Montana College, was appointed by Higher Education Commissioner Carrol Krause. He will fill out the unexpired term of Dr. Ruth Patrick, dean of the University of Montana's Mansfield Library, who will become dean of the University of British Columbia library effective August 1.

The Commission's next meeting will be Wednesday, August 22, at the Cottonwood Inn in Glasgow. All commission meetings are open to the public.

The library's hours have increased from 18 to 30 per week and have become more regular, she noted.

The new library will now have to pay \$3,000 annually to the city for the space it occupies, she said, plus the district's size will mean more work for trustees.

"We're going to have to keep better books," Bangs said.



JANUARY 6-8, 1991

Governor's Conference

Be on the lookout for the six regional pre-conferences on library and information services now being scheduled for September and October in the federation areas.

At each regional pre-conference, participants will compile a list of resolutions or issues they want considered at the January 1991 Governor's Conference on Library & Information Services.

Four delegates to the Governor's Conference will be selected at each of the regional pre-conferences.

Plan on getting involved; you can make a difference! For more information, contact conference coordinator Bob Cooper at 444-5350.

MSL Staff Conduct Deer Lodge Valley Inservice

Barbara Ridgway, outgoing institutional library consultant, and Sandy Jarvie, incoming consultant for institutional libraries, conducted a one-day inservice June 21 for librarians in the Deer Lodge Valley institutions.

Maureen Berg, Montana State Hospital librarian, discussed LaserCat and its applications for staff, inmates and patients. Sandy Jarvie covered useful and affordable reference materials for small libraries. Barbara Ridgway presented the traveling trunk libraries and outlined how they would be circulated and maintained.

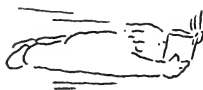
The day concluded with tours of the Women's Correctional Center

Library, the Galen Alcohol Service Center Library, the Galen Main Hospital Library, the Galen Lighthouse Library and the Montana State Prison Library.

Galen Remodeling Project Doubles Library Space

The Galen Alcohol Service Center Library, under the direction of Terry Ferguson, has moved into a recently remodeled location in the current facility.

The new library has approximately double the square footage of the previous site. Carpentry staff at the Montana State Hospital built new study carrels and additional furniture has added considerably to the ambience. Recent collection improvements have increased patron and staff usage.



Panel To Investigate Status of State's Libraries

Prompted by concerned federation coordinators and others, a special panel is being established to investigate the status of Montana's libraries.

Members of the group, officially called the "Montana Blue Ribbon Panel on Libraries at Risk," will be chosen by State Library Commission chair Mary Doggett from a list submitted by State Librarian Richard Miller.

Initial funding for the panel will come from about \$2,300 leftover from LSCA Title I. Grant money will also be sought.

The panel is scheduled to produce its report on the status of the state's libraries (current services, future financial needs and priority development areas) by late October.

[Ed's note: There will be more information on this panel and its work as the process progresses.]

Press Roundup

The following items come from recent press reports about library activities across the state:

Retiring **Liberty County Public Library** librarian Lilly Eveland was feted at a retirement dinner and auction June 1 that raised more than \$7,000 for her.

New **Missoula City-County Library** director David Pauli said hello to the community by holding a fine-free week in late June.

A foundation established at the **Bitterroot Public Library** received tax-exempt IRS status and a nearly \$5,000 gift of stock.

A human chain of 250 people moved 13,000 books from the old **Belgrade Public Library** to the new \$240,000 facility on June 16.

Sunnyside Branch Library in Worden launched its Children's Hour program June 25.

The **Joliet Community Library** has sponsored two recycling drives to help buy new books.

A family reading night began in June at the **Liberty County Library** in Chester. Community "stars" shared their favorite story or poem with staff and patrons.

The **Flathead Valley Community College Library** has asked the Board of Regents for an automated circulation system to tie into the collection at the **Flathead County Library** in Kalispell.

Nancy Fields, **Sidney Public Library** director, was named Montana's Young Careerist by the Business and Professional Women's state convention held June 7-10.

A book sale June 16 was the **Madison Valley Public Library's** share of Pioneer Days in Ennis.

Twelve volunteers at the **Polson City Library** were honored by a local women's club May 12.

Flathead County Library expects to choose a new computer system by August.

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Children's Book Reviews

Because of vacations, there are fewer book reviews in this issue than in last month's; however, we hope to have two full pages of reviews in the September issue.

Rachel Chance, by Jean Thesman (reviewed by Janice Bacino, children's librarian, Lewis & Clark Public Library, Helena).

Set in depression-era Washington State, *Rachel Chance* is the story of a 15-year-old girl who tries to make sense of the adult world when the kidnapping of her illegitimate baby brother by a traveling band of revivalists is met with apathy by the authorities and the more fortunate people of her community.

While there is something too pat in the portrayal of the poor Chances as honest and the law and the religious folks as corrupt, Thesman does draw a convincing picture of the problems that affected these poor, rural families—ignorance, abuse, alcoholism, prejudice.

Despite the heavy subject matter, the book has an optimistic tone and is downright humorous at times. A mild romance between Rachel and Hank, the farm hand, emerges as the book moves to a breathtaking conclusion. All in all, an exciting story with a memorable heroine.

(Grades 6-10; Q3/P3; Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston, 175 pp.; \$13.95.)

One Day in the Tropical Rain Forest, by Jean Craighead George (reviewed by Michael Hutchinson, children's dept., Flathead County Library, Kalispell).

The ongoing deforestation of the Earth's tropical rain forests has become one of the major ecological controversies of our time. Newbery Medalist Jean Craighead George continues her successful nature series by taking young readers through a turbulent day amid the diverse flora and fauna of the lush Venezuelan jungle. Sloths, macaws, jaguars, monkeys and tapirs are menaced by torrential rains,

voracious army ants, and finally, by the worst threat of all: humans with bulldozers and chainsaws.

Gary Allen's detailed pencil illustrations give life and form to unfamiliar denizens of the South American landscape. The simple yet exciting text provides an excellent introduction to the complex situation and illustrates the rain forests' vital role in the ecology of our world. A short bibliography suggests further reading for interested young people.

(Grades 4-7; Q3/P3; Thomas Y. Crowell, New York, NY, 49 pp.; \$11.89.)

An Album of War Refugees, by April Koral (reviewed by Marilyn Taylor, children's dept., Flathead County Library, Kalispell).

This is a rather startling look at 20th century war refugees that briefly describes major wars that occurred but focuses on the plight of those made into innocent victims.

The photographs were crystal clear in showing the terrible effects on people who must leave their homes and find a new place to live.

Children in grades 4-12 will learn something about refugees, and although the book is not for every taste, it is well-done and not too long.

(Grades 4-12; Q3/P2; Franklin Watts, London; \$13.90.)

Space Law, by Necia H. Apfel (reviewed by Marilyn Taylor).

Definitely a specialized book about space law, a subject that has become increasingly important as more countries join the space race.

Ever since 1957 and the launch of Sputnik, the debate on the legalities of space travel and exploration has become more complex. The book explains what has already been done and the problems involved in what needs to be done.

This specialized book will not appeal to all children, but it would be an asset to a larger library.

(Grades 4-7; Q4/P2; Franklin Watts, New York, NY, 96 pp.; \$10.40.)

Through Moon and Stars and Night Skies, by Ann Turner, pictures by James Graham Hale (reviewed by Darlene Staffeldt, Information Resources director, Montana State Library).

This is a delightful story of adoption. A lonely young boy comes from a faraway land to the home of his new Mama and Papa. New things frighten him until he realizes that there is a special love all around him in his new home.

This title is a well-written easy reader with very good illustrations throughout.

(Preschool-grade 3; Q4/P2; Harper & Row, 28 pp., \$12.89.)

Hugh Pine and Something Else, by Janwillem Van de Wetering, illustrated by Lynn Munsinger (reviewed by Darlene Staffeldt).

Hugh Pine the porcupine from Sorry Bay decides it's time to get on with exploring Something Else. He goes along with Mr. McTosh for a vacation in the city. What a series of adventures! Hugh discovers bamburgers and solves the problem of Bully and the crows.

Van de Wetering has created a simple, good-humored, witty tale. Munsinger's excellent pen-and-ink drawings are generously sprinkled throughout the book.

(Grade 2-up; Q4/P4; Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston; 73 pp.; \$12.95.)

Mycca's Baby, by Rinda M. Byers, pictures by David Tamura (reviewed by Joyce G. Johnson, head of public services, Flathead County Library, Kalispell).

Is this an ethnic story? Maybe Spanish, Mexican, Gypsy? I don't know. Is Mycca five? Is she 15? I don't know that either. Is Mycca wordy? Is the language labored and inappropriate? Yes.

The only thing I know for sure is that Rose is going to have a baby and Mycca is excited. The folk-art style of illustration is distracting and a bit unpleasant. Do I recommend this book? No.

(Preschool-grade 2; Q2/P1; Orchard Books, New York, NY, 32 pp.; \$13.99.)

Press Roundup

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The Bozeman Public Library held storytelling picnics on Thursday nights through July 19.

Volunteers Nina Rogers and Ann McPartland were profiled in the local paper for their help at the Miles City Public Library.

The discovery of white supremacy literature at the Lewis & Clark Public Library in Helena made page one of the local paper.

Gov. Stan Stephens cited the Montana State Library for its recycling program.

Remodeling and expansion of the Lewistown City Library began June 18.

William K. Kohrs Memorial Library trustees Lloyd Wallin and Kris Crossler were recognized for their contributions.

Fourth-graders presented their favorite stories using stick puppets May 8 at the Glendive Public Library.

The annual trivia contest at Rau Elementary School Library in Sidney had as its theme, "Libraries." Fifty-six kids participated and earned badges.

Library Criticized For Summer Program Policies

Because of rules restricting daycare participation in summer reading programs (SRP) to those

Calendar of Events

July

- 21 Voluntary Certification meeting, Helena
- 21 MLA Continuing Education, Bozeman

August

- 9 Center for the Book executive committee, Helena
- 15-18 Pacific Northwest Library Association, Portland
- 21 Federation Coordinators, Glasgow
- 22 State Library Commission, Glasgow

centers with five or fewer kids, Pamly Billings Library has drawn fire from a local daycare provider.

In the June 17 *Billings Gazette*, Sandy Stroh said the library discriminates against daycare kids by instituting such limits.

Other providers said they have no problem with the library's rules because they use cards in their center's name and just check out books for the children.

Children's librarian Gaye Walter said the library doesn't have the resources or the room to accommodate all the daycare centers in Billings.

Around The State

Public Library Changes: Donna Worth, director, John Gregory Library, Whitehall; Richey Public Library director Delpha Keeland, retired; Connie Thompson, director, Belgrade Public Library; Sandy Watt, director, Big Horn County Library, Hardin, resigned; Cheryl Stuber, children's librarian, Lewistown City Library.

Special Library Changes: Lorrie Holt, library media specialist, Office of Public Instruction, effective August 6; Bob Cooper, library development specialist (LSCA), Montana State Library, effective July 2; Sandra Jarvie, library development specialist (institutional library consultant), Montana State Library, effective June 11.

Institutional Library Changes: Maureen Berg, director, Montana State Hospital patients' library, resigned effective August 15.

School Library Changes: Jean Osterheld, Florence-Carlton School librarian, retired.

Academic Library Changes: Ruth Patrick, dean of the University of Montana Mansfield Library, resigned effective August 1; Karen Hatcher, appointed acting dean, University of Montana Mansfield Library, effective August 1.



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